

Oregon pot prices dive — and sales soar

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PORTLAND — Rampant overproduction in Oregon's market for legal, recreational marijuana has produced a 50 percent drop in prices, according to state economists. That widely documented collapse has been tough on farmers and retailers — but a boon for consumers.

A new state analysis finds the price collapse sparked a big uptick in marijuana purchases and a corresponding increase in associated tax revenue, the Oregonian reported.

"Lower prices are helping to drive the volume of sales higher and induce black and medical market conversions into" the legal, recreational market, said Josh Lehner of the Oregon Office of Economic Analysis.

Recreational marijuana sales in Oregon will be nearly \$543 million this year, up 29 percent from 2017 and well above economists' expecta-

tions, forecasts show.

When Oregon legalized marijuana four years ago, expectations were enormous for the newly legal market. The state created incentives for producers to leave the black market, leading to overproduction and the ensuing price decrease.

A state study found the retail cost of a gram of marijuana plunged from \$14 in 2015 to \$7 last year.

Recreational marijuana remains a small industry, relative to the size of Oregon's economy. For comparison, economists note that cigarette sales are 40 percent higher than marijuana sales. But legal marijuana is growing fast — state forecasts suggest it will be a billion-dollar market in 2025.

While Oregon has no general sales tax, it does levy a 17 percent sales tax on marijuana. Marijuana taxes generated nearly \$70 million in revenue last year and are forecast to generate nearly \$90 million

in 2018.

State forecasters believe marijuana may eventually play a more important role in the state's economy.

"The real economic impact from recreational marijuana will come not from the growing and retailing, which are low-wage and low value-added market segments," economists wrote in a revenue forecast issued last week. "It will come from higher value-added products like oils, creams, and edibles, in addition to niche, specialty strains."

The rise of marijuana in Oregon could evoke the emergence of craft brewing in the state, the economists wrote, with value-added production augmented by a cluster of suppliers and support industries.

"The long-term potential of exporting Oregon products and business know-how to the rest of the country remains large," economists wrote, "at least once marijuana is legalized nationwide."

PUBLIC MEETINGS

TUESDAY

Port of Astoria Commission, 4 p.m., Port offices, 10 Pier 1, Suite 209.

Astoria Historic Landmarks Commission, 5:15 p.m., City Hall, 1095 Duane St.

Seaside School District Board of Directors, 6 p.m., 1801 S. Franklin.

Cannon Beach Planning Commission, 6 p.m., City Hall, 163 E. Gower St.

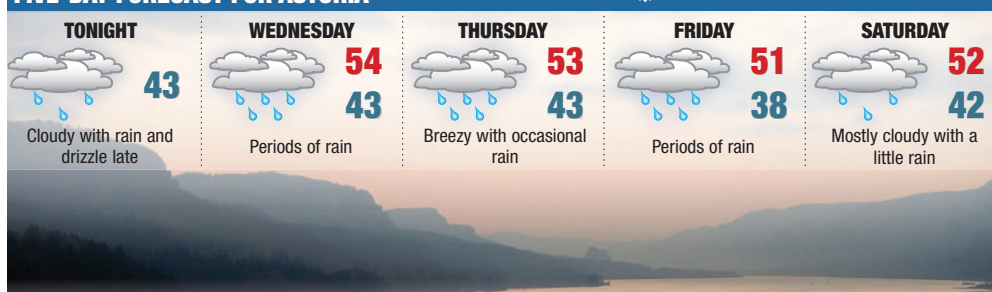
Seaside Planning Commission, 7 p.m., City Hall, 989 Broadway.

Shoreline Sanitary District Board, 7 p.m., Gearhart Hertig Station, 33496 West Lake Lane, Warrenton.

WEDNESDAY

Seaside Tourism Advisory Commission, 3 p.m., 989 Broadway.

FIVE-DAY FORECAST FOR ASTORIA



ALMANAC

Astoria through Monday.

Temperatures
High/low 59°/31°
Normal high/low 53°/40°
Record high 64° in 1987
Record low 24° in 1977

Precipitation
Monday 0.00"
Month to date 2.08"
Normal month to date 6.75"
Year to date 48.81"
Normal year to date 52.97"

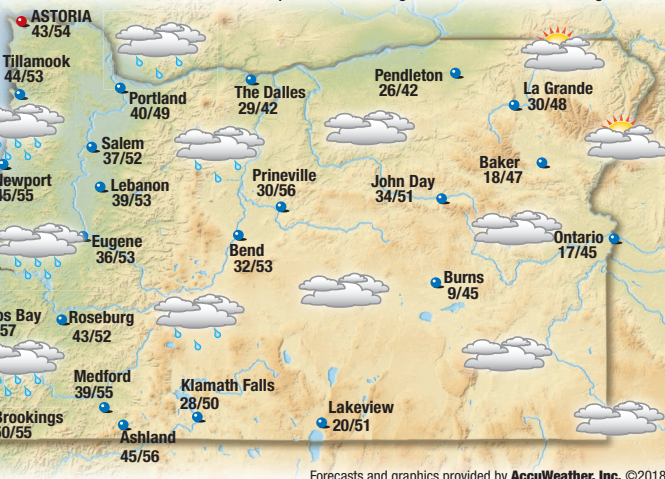
SUN AND MOON

Sunset tonight 4:39 p.m.
Sunrise Wednesday 7:24 a.m.
Moonrise today 3:47 p.m.
Moonset today 4:10 a.m.



REGIONAL WEATHER

Shown is tomorrow's weather. Temperatures are tonight's lows and tomorrow's highs.

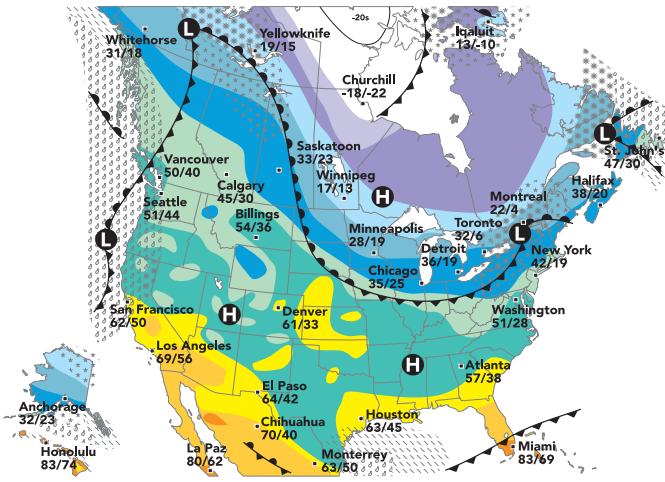


REGIONAL CITIES

City	Hi	Lo	W	Wed.	Hi	Lo	W	Wed.	Hi	Lo	W	Wed.			
Baker City	48	18	s	47	26	c			Olympia	53	34	pc	50	40	r
Bend	52	32	s	53	34	r			Portland	40	26	s	42	37	c
Brookings	57	46	pc	54	47	r			Roseburg	54	40	s	49	44	r
Eugene	53	36	pc	53	43	r			Salem	56	43	s	52	45	r
Ilwaco	56	45	pc	53	47	r			Seaside	54	37	s	52	44	r
Klamath Falls	56	28	s	50	27	r			Springfield	56	39	s	53	44	r
Medford	63	39	s	55	37	r			Vancouver	53	38	s	53	44	r
Newberg	53	38	s	50	45	r			Yakima	44	24	pc	40	24	c
Newport	58	45	pc	55	46	r									
North Bend	58	46	pc	56	45	r									

TOMORROW'S NATIONAL WEATHER

Shown are noon positions of weather systems and precipitation. Temperature bands are highs for the day.



NATIONAL CITIES

City	Hi	Lo	W	Wed.	Hi	Lo	W	Wed.
Atlanta	57	36	pc	57	38	s		
Boston	42	30	r	43	15	pc		
Chicago	34	27	pc	35	25	pc		
Denver	56	31	s	61	33	s		
Des Moines	35	25	pc	40	28	s		
Detroit	34	27	c	36	19	pc		
El Paso	64	41	pc	64	41	c		
Fairbanks	23	16	c	21	11	c		
Honolulu	82	73	pc	83	74	sh		
Indianapolis	38	28	pc	44	27	pc		
Kansas City	43	30	pc	56	34	s		
Las Vegas	66	44	s	67	50	s		
Los Angeles	72	53	pc	69	56	pc		
Memphis	50	31	pc	56	36	s		
Miami	84	70	sh	83	69	pc		
Nashville	48	27	pc	53	32	s		
New Orleans	62	45	c	62	46	s		
New York	47	33	pc	42	19	s		
Oklahoma City	55	32	s	59	35	pc		
Philadelphia	51	31	pc	45	22	s		
St. Louis	39	31	pc	54	32	s		
Salt Lake City	48	25	s	54	38	pc		
Salt Lake City	63	53	pc	62	50	r		
San Francisco	55	43	s	51	44	r		
Washington, DC	55	34	pc	51	28	s		

Weather (W): s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice.

OBITUARIES

Bob 'Robbie' Lyle Boehm

Clifton

May 24, 1950 — Nov. 13, 2018



It is with great sadness to announce the passing of Bob 'Robbie' Lyle Boehm, our father, and our mother's best friend, while attending his weekly martial arts class in Astoria, from a massive stroke. He was a man of strong conviction who loved his family, the outdoors and the farm that he grew up on.

Bob was born on May 24, 1950, in Portland, Oregon, to Robert Arthur and Marjorie (Newell) Boehm. He was the eldest of four children. His mother died when he was 12, and his father was a merchant seaman, so he moved around a bit.

Bob settled at the Clifton farm when he was 15 years old. He graduated from Knappa High School in 1968. Upon graduation he joined the Navy, where he served his country for two years. In 1973, he met the woman he would spend the rest of his life with. This is where we will begin the journey of a great man.

In June 1975, he married Lesley Kay Struloeff, of Knappa, Oregon. He moved his new bride to Clifton, where they would remain together for the next 43 years. They would raise a daughter, born in 1978, and a son, born in 1979. As a family they made memories that would last a lifetime.

Bob was a man with many talents and many different professions. He was a logger, commercial fisherman, farmer, trapper, silviculturist, pile buck, heavy equipment operator, and above all else, his greatest accomplishment was his family.

He logged for many different outfits, and commercial fished on the Columbia River and in Bristol Bay. On the Clifton farm, he raised cows, sheep and dealt with the "hay burner," which just happened to be his daughter's horse. At the farm he also took great pride in managing his timber stands, especially the redwoods that he started planting 25 years ago, and continued up to his unexpected death.

Bob had many interests. He enjoyed reading because he had such a passion for learning. He felt that it was good to broaden your education. As an avid outdoorsman, he loved to hunt and fish. At the age of 62, he finally drew the Mount Emily unit, and was able to fill his tag with a

bull of a lifetime with the help of his son, son-in-law and nephew by his side.

He so enjoyed being on his farm and working with his trees. Throughout his life, he continued an exercise regimen that would tire out a 30-year-old. Other hobbies that Bob and Lesley enjoyed doing together were prospecting, metal detecting and traveling. They enjoyed the time they spent with each other very much.

This wonderful man's greatest joy was his family. He had a strong opinion on many things, especially education. The day that his daughter and son graduated from college was his proudest moment as a father. He loved being with his grandchildren. He took his grandsons fishing, and wrestled with them just days prior to his passing. Grandpa was always a sucker for his two granddaughters, and had a hard time telling them "no" to anything. He gave tractor rides, and riding on the dozer was pretty popular.

Bob touched many lives, and will be remembered as a man of few words. He had a strong moral character, with even stronger family values, and had a work ethic few people possess. Always willing to give a helping hand, he had great advice for those who asked. Those who knew him best were well aware of his strong political views, because he didn't believe a person should be offended if someone had a different view. It's a little thing called tolerance.

He is survived by his wife, Lesley, of Clifton; his daughter, Melissa, and her husband, Tim Collier, of Rainier; his son, Zak, and his wife, Jenn, of Baker City; his four grandchildren, Weston and Dusty Collier and Ady and Clancey Boehm; his sister, Hilary, and her husband, Al Richrod, of Aberdeen, Washington; and a brother, Tim, and his wife, Pam, of Rainier. He is preceded in death by his mother, Marjorie; father, Robert; and brother, Richard.

In lieu of a memorial, because he wasn't a "crowd" kind of guy, he would like you to plant a tree in his memory. A tree stands tall and straight, with strong roots, just like Bob Boehm lived his life in everything he did and believed in. We will miss him so.



Bob Boehm



Donald Gene Ellis

Warrenton

March 14, 1939 — Oct. 30, 2018

Donald Gene Ellis, age 79, passed away Oct. 30, 2018, in Portland, Oregon, surrounded by his family.

He was born March 14, 1939, in Roseburg, Oregon, to Norman Ellis and Gladys (Dial) Ellis. He attended school in Fairfield, Idaho, and Dallas, Oregon.

He was a machinist by trade, and retired from the Wauna Paper Mill as a maintenance planner.

Don enjoyed fishing, camping, photography and, most of all, his family. He could fix anything, and loved working in his shop. If you had a question about plumbing, electrical, carpentry, cars, gardening, etc., he was the man to call.

Don is survived by his wife of 54 years,

Eula Mae (Wyatt) Ellis, whom he married on Oct. 21, 1964, in Dallas, Oregon. Together they had three children. Tragically, his youngest daughter, Susan Vaughn (Kai), passed away on Oct. 11, 2018, from cancer. He is also survived by his daughter, Lori Hackwith (Jim); son, Dennis Ellis (Wende); daughter, Christine Miller; stepson, Donovan Kaufman; stepdaughter, Kathy Looper (Ken); 13 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; his brother, Arlie Ellis; sister, Rose Marion; and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

A family gathering and remembrance will be held on Dec. 1, 2018, from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Molalla Grange, 127 Grange Ave., Molalla, Oregon.



Donald Ellis

DEATH

Nov. 3, 2018

WESTON, Raymond Kyle, 60, of Eugene, formerly of Gearhart, died in Eugene. Sunset Hills Funeral Home in Eugene is in charge of the arrangements.

LOTTERIES

OREGON

Monday's Pick 4:
1 p.m.: 5-5-4-1
4 p.m.: 2-9-4-8
7 p.m.: 2-7-8-6
10 p.m.: 5-2-7-3
Monday's Lucky Lines: 3-5-9-15-17-21-26-31
Estimated jackpot: \$13,000
Monday's Megabucks: 2-8-14-24-30-31
Estimated jackpot: \$3.6 million

WASHINGTON

Monday's Daily Game: 6-9-2
Monday's Hit 5: 08-18-28-37-39
Estimated jackpot: \$190,000
Monday's Keno: 10-11-18-19-25-28-30-31-37-43-47-48-50-60-61-62-76-77-79-80
Monday's Lotto: 05-06-11-15-29-40
Estimated jackpot: \$1.6 million
Monday's Match 4: 04-12-18-20

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